



His NAME Is

CHENG

His HOME Is In

HUNAN PROVINCE
CHINA

Read His Remarkable
Story Within



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"THE FOUNTAIN OF ALL VIRTUE IS JESUS CHRIST"



THESE true and fundamental words become actually thrilling when spoken by the Dean of a large Chinese Government School, himself a heathen only a few short weeks ago, before our Biola Evangelistic Band No. 1 went into his district with their life-giving message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

The Dean was speaking to the students of his school who had been summoned to the main hall to welcome our evangelists to their school, and to hear from them the "Wonderful words of life."

The story of the work at Kwang-Kia Pu and the neighboring Lung-wei Shih is one of the most stirring records we have had since this work was started ten years ago. We will let Mr. Cheng, leader of Band No. 1, tell it in his own words. He writes:—"At Kwang-Kia Pu the work is just alive and full of power, and God is calling out His own chosen ones. Many have been moved by the Gospel, but the case that gives us the greatest joy is that of Mr. Peng Shuh-Chih, a young man of 26 years. He is the most influential scholar of this entire district. He was formerly a teacher here, then took a college course at Peking, has now returned and is most highly esteemed by all.

Mr. Peng is a keen student and when we called at his home, talked with him and gave him some books he began at once to make a thorough study of the Gospel. Later he said that every doubt was cleared away and that he was fully determined to accept and believe the Gospel. In this

district there are forty-four government schools of different grades. Mr. Peng attended an educational meeting at which most of these schools were represented and took advantage of this fine opportunity to publicly declare his faith in Jesus Christ. His address deeply moved the assembled teachers and led to an eager investigation of the Gospel. x

At Lung-Hwei Shih the work really began among the soldiers and surpassed all our thoughts. Once started there was a steady stream of enquirers, and they were not only enquiring but were making progress daily; it seemed like the grass and flowers in springtime, we could really see them grow. Persecution did not weaken their determination, and their zeal in witnessing for Christ was so great that it seemed as though all the soldiers in the camp might be led to faith in Christ. Then the military situation became very serious (these were Northern soldiers and word had come that the South was once more advancing in large force); for four or five nights they scarcely slept but were constantly on guard, and during the day they had two drills, three roll calls and one general assembly each day. They could only get away from camp for a half hour at a time. These difficulties did not cause them to lose interest, but rather seemed to greatly increase their enthusiasm. As they could no longer come in a body to our headquarters they would come by ones and twos from early in the morning throughout the day as they had opportunity. They came to us with their Testaments in their hands, either asking us to explain something to them, or to help them in prayer. They not only came themselves but brought many of the local civilian residents with them to hear the Gospel. Whenever we went up to their

mountain camp we found them either studying their Testaments or talking together about the Gospel. One day an officer passed by as a soldier was studying his Testament; the soldier showed the Testament to the officer and earnestly pressed the officer to believe."

(A few days after the above was written the Northern soldiers were driven from their position by the South. They passed through Changsha in their retreat and in spite of their rush one of these young converts hunted me up in this big city, brought a card of introduction from Mr. Cheng, and said that he had escaped with only the clothing he wore and his Testament, which he seemed to prize most highly.)

Mr. Cheng continues: "Our hearts were made glad by the conversion of our landlord, and also by the conversion of a woman who lives just opposite and who had been for many years a devoted Buddhist. This woman soon led another woman, also a Buddhist, to faith in Christ. Another prominent citizen by the name of Ou-Yang, fifty-eight years old, gave his heart to Christ and also led his wife to faith in Christ, then they went together to Buddhist gatherings and boldly preached the Gospel. At one of these gatherings four other Buddhists were brought to a decision.

A committee made up of teachers and students from one of the government schools waited on us and asked us to come to their school and speak for an hour daily, they said that they were hungry and thirsty to hear. The head of this school is a warm friend of Mr. Peng, mentioned above, and it was Mr. Peng's earnest testimony that led to this invitation.

From another school came a written invitation to come and live at the school for

a week and use all the school hours for a thorough presentation of the Gospel. When we first visited this school some time before the students scorned our books; now the Dean writes that they are preparing a reception for us and will be glad to give us all the time for a week. We accepted the invitation for two days. After a reception in the courtyard the bell rang and all the students gathered in the main hall. The Dean in introducing us said: "You students are intent on securing learning and culture, and are devoting all your strength and energy to attain to these things, but I want to tell you that learning and culture without virtue are worthless, and THE FOUNTAIN OF ALL VIRTUE IS JESUS CHRIST, therefore I have invited these teachers to come and speak to you about Christ, and I exhort you to throw off all listlessness and listen with all earnestness and attention to this teaching which surpasses all other learning." On the second day the Dean opened the meetings with equally urgent words. Later he asked us to tell to the students the story of your aged mother coming to China that you might be able to go on with this work. We did as he requested and the students seemed to be deeply moved."

Mr. Cheng asks earnest prayer for Mr. Peng whose conversion and earnest testimony God has so graciously used to kindle this deep spirit of enquiry and faith in the hearts of the student classes of that part of Hunan. Let us pray most earnestly that many of these teachers and students may truly give their hearts to Christ, and that Mr. Peng's influence may be a very wide one.

Most truly yours in Christ,

FRANK A. KELLER.

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